



KENTUCKY REGISTERED SANITARIAN EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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The Meeting of the Registered Sanitarian Examining Committee was called to order on October 1, 2008 in Buckhorn State Park by Chair Roy Foushee.

Those in attendance were:

Roy Foushee	Chair
Dan Troutman	East Area Director
Matt Rhodes	Central Area Director
Juli Conner	West Area Director
Guy F. Delius	Cabinets Representative-Secretary
Beverley Watkins	Executive Secretary

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the May meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Matt Rhodes.
Juli Conner Seconded.
All in Favor.

Roy Foushee showed the Committee the first draft of the R.S. Newsletter. Mr. Foushee asked that Directors send information to him to include.
The Committee agreed to have the newsletter completed as soon as possible.

The committee discussed the "contract-volunteer environmental worker" listing and asked if Kathy Fowler could be the point to maintain this data base. The Committee also asked to check if this data base could be placed on the web site.

Joy discussed the files for those sanitarians that did not pay dues or did not secure the proper contact hours. These persons have been deleted from the active sanitarians list. Many of the deletions were due to retirements and those who did not choose to be inactive.
Motion to delete the sanitarians who did not pay dues or get sufficient contact hours, Matt Rhodes.
Seconded Dan Troutman.
All in favor.

The Committee discussed marketing plan options. The Committee could target MPH and Public Health programs. Guy will see if we can use student interns or federal assignees to assist on the marketing plan.

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The Committee agreed it will be soon time to revisit our Vision Statement/Strategic Plan and Goals. Time permitting, at the next meeting the Committee will discuss a strategy to review and address.

The Committee agreed at some point we will need to update the regulation regarding Registration. Guy will review the current Regulation and highlight items to be slated for change. The Committee will review and discuss these changes at an upcoming meeting after the strategic plan has been completed.

Guy discussed and handed out State Ethics Guidelines with the Committee. The Committee and Sanitarians must abide by ethical guidelines and recommendations. The Committee has adopted and uses an established document called, "Registered Sanitarians Ethical Guidelines".

The Committee discussed NY State R.S. requirements for review and comparison.

The Committee received an inquiry from a Sanitarian, requesting review of KPHLI course work for contact hours. The Committee requested program agenda's, speaker information, length of courses, etc. in order to make a ruling. After reviewing the information provided, it was determined that contact hours could be issued for this specific public health learning event.

Joy discussed delinquent members. Joy will provide a final list for the committee members to review. Guy will contact the supervisors of any R.S. that will be receiving a suspension notice. These notices will be sent out in October, 2008.

Motion to send the delinquent notices to the members that earned them, Matt Rhodes.
Seconded, Dan Troutman.
All in favor.

The Committee discussed the new exam dates.
These dates will be placed on our web site for listing.

Dan Troutman discussed an honorarium request for \$991 for a speaker at KAMFES. The request was properly provided to the committee and included the correct paperwork.
Motion to approve the honorarium request for up to \$991, Juli Conner.
Dan Troutman Seconded.
All in favor.

Dan Troutman discussed the topic of pools and the Committee discussed the federal Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Act. The committee understands that federal guidance is not clear, and subsequently has been hard for the state to give clear guidance to LHD's. Guy discussed that KY DPH has taken a proactive approach and has sent an informational letter to all public pool owners informing them of the new federal law, and where to find more information. DPH has also requested LHD's to inform those when public pools are in non-compliance with the VGB Act, and DPH will forward this information to the federal consumer product safety commission (CPSC). As more information is provided from the federal agencies and recommendations come out, DPH will immediately inform LHD's of the guidance and direction.

The Committee discussed the exam Pass/Fail Ratio, and would like to have that information updated for the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the budget, the committee asked if the budget process could be written out, and reviewed at next meeting i.e. cash handling policies, etc.

The Committee discussed the use of some funding to pay for recruitment purposes.
The Committee will discuss further at next meeting.

The Committee discussed the news letter. Roy agreed to add some language about the exam being a “national scope” exam, and not a KY specific exam.

The Committee reviewed exam evaluations. Most test takers comment that the test is very hard but have study materials available, and have less questions about exam questions.

The Committee discussed adding an option of having a “verbal” or face to face section to the exam. More discussion will take place at next meeting.

The Committee discussed additional training for the exam.

- Face to Face
- Computer
- Distance Learning
- PowerPoint (provided by area R.S. directors).

This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting to determine the best way to proceed.

The Committee discussed an applicant that does not have the 4 years of college and credit hours, but has the experience in military service. The Committee agreed that a letter be sent to the individual, informing that they could send their experiences from the military to a accredited university to see if experiences could suffice for course hours.

The Committee reviewed a request for reciprocity from Mr. Darryl Colebank from Arizona.

The credentials and information is in place.

Motion to approve reciprocity, Dan Troutman.

Seconded, Juli Conner.

All in favor.

The Committee reviewed new applicants who have successfully completed the exam.

Motion to accept the new members Matt Rhodes.

Seconded, Juli Conner.

All in favor.

Teresa Hunter

Christine Sparks

Tim Wilder

Jacob Hanley

Gabriel Tanner

The Committee discussed the process for grading the exams.

1. Joy will grade all exams.
2. Proper safeguards are in place for mailing.

The Committee discussed TRAIN and R.S. hours. Persons need to submit in advance the course work to both TRAIN and to Beverley Joy Watkins.

The Committee discussed posting the TRAIN procedures on the new R.S. letterhead and on the web site. The Committee decided to retain the current process at this time, but to be available to discuss more as needed.

The Committee will review the R.S. sign in sheet for any updates at next meeting.

The Committee discussed web casts and if these would be appropriate for contact hours. The committee would require the same information as any other submittal of contact hours.

The Committee wishes to discuss a "Kentucky Environmental History Document", at an upcoming meeting, to capture the history of this field in KY.

Next meeting to be in Jan-Feb, 2009.

Motion to adjourn.

